

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 8, please replace the paragraph that begins with "FIG.2-1" with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2-1 shows a collapsible structure 410', such as a tent or a children playhouse, with hinge mechanisms incorporated therein according to an embodiment of the present invention. A fabric material 432, or any other suitable materials, is mounted on the collapsible structure 410' ~~410~~.

On page 10, please replace the second to last paragraph that begins with "To collapse the..." with the following amended paragraph:

To collapse the collapsible structure 510, the four transversely extending frame members 530a ~~430a~~, 530d ~~430d~~ are first folded ~~up~~ thereby bringing the two vertical side frames 540, 550 towards each other, as shown by the arrows in FIG. 3B, until the two vertical side frames 540, 550 are superimposed, as shown in FIG. 3C.